

Audit and Standards Committee

Date and Time - **Monday 18 May 2020 - 6.30pm**

Venue - **Remote Meeting**

Councillors appointed to the Committee:

K.P. Dixon (Chairman), J. Barnes, Mrs M.L. Barnes, A.K. Jeeawon,
Mrs E.M. Kirby-Green, L.M. Langlands, Rev H.J. Norton and H.L. Timpe.

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee held on 9 December 2019 as a correct record of the proceedings.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

To consider such other items as the Chairman decides are urgent and due notice of which has been given to the Head of Paid Service by 12 Noon on the day of the meeting.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To receive any disclosure by Members of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Member regards the personal interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct. Members are reminded of the need to repeat their declaration immediately prior to the commencement of the item in question.

PART A - STANDARDS REPORTS

None

PART B - AUDIT REPORTS

5. **REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR, GRANT THORNTON - EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2020** (Pages 1 - 18)
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6. **REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR, GRANT THORNTON - AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT AND SECTOR UPDATE** (Pages 19 - 38)
7. **INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2019** (Pages 39 - 62)
8. **INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2020/21** (Pages 63 - 72)
9. **REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT 2019/20** (Pages 73 - 78)
10. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2019/20** (Pages 79 - 90)
11. **ANNUAL PROPERTY INVESTMENT UPDATE** (Pages 91 - 102)
12. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE** (Pages 103 - 110)
13. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES 2019/20** (Pages 111 - 132)
14. **ANNUAL RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE** (Pages 133 - 138)
15. **PROCUREMENT STRATEGY** (Pages 139 - 168)
16. **APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDIT INDEPENDENT PERSON TO THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE** (Pages 169 - 174)
17. **WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 175 - 176)
18. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (EXEMPT INFORMATION)**

The following item includes material which is exempt from publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and it is recommended that the press and public be excluded. The relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A indicating the nature of the exempt information is stated after the item and is reproduced in full at the end of the agenda. In the circumstances of the case, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
19. **CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX 2 TO AGENDA ITEM 11 (PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 5)** (Pages 177 - 180)

Dr Anthony Leonard
Executive Director

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3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

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